

## **THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 03 November 2020.**

#### **Present;**

Cllrs; S.Marshall (Chair), S.Wood (Vice Chair), R.Clements, D.Gibbins, M.Harrison, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock, A.Scott and A.Walmsley.

Others; 3 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.  
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council extended condolences to the two young ladies who recently died in a car crash on Carr Lane.

Following his co-option, members welcomed Parish Councillor Andrew Walmsley.

#### **1.Apologies.**

Cllr S,Firth.

#### **2.Ethical Code.**

No interests were disclosed.

#### **3.Representations.**

a) Members from the Thorner Trees Group made a representation about the planting of trees in areas of the village and on land owned by the Parish Council. There proposals included consulting with experts on planting, obtaining charity status and acquiring funding. There reasons for the scheme was to enable wildlife to flourish and to preserve the beauty of the village. Following discussion, it was agreed that they would liaise with the Maintenance Working Party who would in due course include progress made as part of their Working Party report.

b) There was no person wishing to record the meeting.

c) No comments received

#### **4.Confidentiality.**

Excluding agenda item 18; there were no agenda items requiring exclusion of the public or press.

#### **5.Police.**

Members had been sent the crime report for October 2020. There was one crime recorded, a residential burglary at Sandhills.

Cllr S.Wood commented that road traffic accidents were not included in the report even though there had been some (Lower Sandhills and Carr Lane). Cllr. M.Harrison stated that it would need to be a crime for it to be reported as it was crime report.

Cllr.S.Marshall commented it may be useful to liaise with other Parish Councils, the Clerk informed members there was an opportunity to do this at the Outer NE Forum meetings. Cllr A.Walmsley who had witnessed many incidents on Carr Lane, had previously requested details of accidents and had received a report which confirmed that the majority were down to driver error. It was noted that there were no white lines in the road (because it is too narrow), no warning signs or other markings.

Cllr D.Gibbins informed members about the removal of a stone slab from the steps on 'The Green' at the front of the cottages on Butts Garth, she asked Councillors to be aware of any further attempts and to challenge anyone acting suspiciously.

## **6.Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous remote Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr S.Marshall.

## **7.Planning applications.**

No objections were raised against the applications received.

Cllr.T.Mycock informed members that he had submitted a neutral comment concerning the garage for application 20/06611/FU, it was a part asbestos construction and should be demolished in the proper manor and correct procedure.

## **8.Financial Matters.**

8.1 Members were circulated with a list of payments for November 2020;

**Resolved:** that the following be approved and passed for payment:

<u>Cheque Number;</u>	<u>Payee;</u>	<u>Details;</u>	<u>£ Amount;</u>
SO	B.Riley	Salary	455.46
DD	Nest	Pension	29.59
BACS	BTelecom	Phone	85.97
BACS	Continental	Grass Cutting	302.54
BACS	A.Fish	Playground	580.57
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>£1454.13</u></b>

8.2 Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly budget monitor and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

The Clerk explained why three entries had been made concerning Octopus Energy, who were the supplier appointed to replace Npower for the supply of electricity to the Boule Shelter. He would also change the supply for the Millennium Green later in the month when the contract with Npower expired.

8.3 Due to the possible unexpected expense involved in providing the defibrillator for the phone box, it was necessary for the Council to formulate a rolling capital programme for the project in order to satisfy the requirement that the necessary capital funds are available to complete the project. It was agreed to do so and this (and the precept), would be discussed at a meeting of the Finance Working Party, with a report presented to the full Council for approval.

## **9. To receive reports from the following Working Party**

**Planning** – Cllr A.Scott asked if members required a pre-read report from the Working Party rather than applications/decisions being discussed under agenda item 7. The report could also contain the decisions reached by Leeds CC, which the Clerk prepared and sent directly to the Working Party, it was agreed to do so.

**Playground and Fitness Equipment** – Members had received the two documents prepared for them and discussed the content. Cllr S.Marshall asked if the residents who had requested to join the Working Party had been consulted about the proposal for the fitness equipment, he was informed that it would be presented to them should members agree to the proposal, Cllr D.Gibbins requested that that the content be amended, the Clerk advised that the manner of conducting a consultation should be

done via the web site. A decision on whether to produce an electronic response or a hard copy regarding the consultation was deferred.

**Maintenance** - Members had received the three documents prepared for them and discussed the content.

It was agreed to purchase the leaf blower detailed in the report.

It was agreed to remove tree number 6 (diseased Cherry tree), A quote had been received from RWC, further quotes would be acquired and the Working Party would decide who to award the work to, the expected cost being approximately £500.

It was agreed to accept the quote for the relocation of the bench to Ramsey's Fold.

**Gardens/ Grass Cutting** – Nothing to report.

Cllr A.Walmsley asked if a profit was made by the Council for providing the gardens, he was informed that the intention was not to make a profit, but the use of water was a variable cost which may result in a profit or loss for the garden budget.

**Finance** – Nothing to report.

**Highways** – Members had received the document prepared for them and discussed the content. Problems with the SID machine had been resolved and more surveys would be conducted in the New Year. Cllr S.Wood asked whether the PC had previously expressed a view on the proposals for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the village. He was told it had, and that the PC had been enthusiastically in support.

**Newsletter** – Following discussion and with reference to comments made above concerning consultation on proposals for the fitness equipment, it was agreed to delay a physical document being produced and an electronic version produced instead.

## **10. Matters arising from previous minutes.**

Work to Ramsey's Fold – (see agenda item 9 Maintenance).

Discussion took place concerning the reasons for arranging an Annual Parish Council meeting, one being that it would allow an opportunity to review the membership of the recently formed Working Parties and for the Standing Orders to reflect this. It would also be an opportunity for Cllr A.Walmsley to join a Working Party.

Cllr S.Wood disagreed with the reasons suggested and gave his reasons why the Annual Parish Council meeting should not take place.

Cllr S.Marshall expressed his concern that in the 'Chairman's Intro', for the August newsletter it had stated that the Parish Council had been unable to hold both the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, which meant that the outgoing yearly appointed Chairman and Vice Chairman would be automatically reinstated until May 2021. By holding an Annual Parish Council meeting now, would be contradictory.

Cllr T.Mycock asked for a vote to be taken to decide whether an Annual Parish Council meeting should be held.

In accordance with Standing Orders, members voted by a show of hands as follows;

For; 5 Against; 2.

**Resolved;** The Annual Parish Council meeting would be held in December.

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Due to the length of time that had been taken to discuss the above agenda items, it was agreed that the meeting be suspended and the following agenda items would be discussed at the next meeting.

## **11.Neighbourhood Plan.**

### **12.To consider any new correspondence received and decide action where necessary.**

12.1 Mobile phone signal.

12.2 Land to be used for sports facility.

**13.To receive reports from outside bodies.**

NE Forum.

Footpath.

**14.To receive a report from the Clerk or Councillors, on any new or ongoing minor matters.** Replace locks on sub-station door

**15.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**

**16.Date of next meeting.**

**17.Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.**

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair Thorner Parish Council